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### **The NRO Receives “Clean” Financial Audit for Ninth Consecutive Year**

For the ninth year in a row, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) received an unmodified (clean) audit of its annual financial statements — an unprecedented achievement within the U.S. Intelligence Community.

“This audit serves as an independent verification that the NRO has the financial and management controls necessary to assure our oversight officials and the American public that we are responsible managers of the federal resources entrusted to us,” said NRO Director Betty Sapp.

The audit was conducted by Kearney & Company, an independent public accounting firm. Kearney evaluated the reliability of financial data supporting NRO financial statements, the accuracy of the statements, and the accuracy of footnote disclosures in accordance with guidance issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, the Office of Management and Budget, and other authoritative guidance.

An unmodified or “clean” audit opinion means that the financial statements present fairly the financial position and the results of the organization’s operations in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. NRO managers can confidently use this information in day-to-day decisions knowing it is accurate and reliable.

“It takes sound business practices and responsible stewardship of federal resources throughout the NRO to enable us to repeatedly achieve this feat,” said Misty Tullar, NRO Chief Financial Officer and director of the NRO’s Business Plans and Operations Directorate. “It was a real team effort, and achieving the ninth clean audit in a row is something we’re very proud of,” she added.

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The NRO is a joint Department of Defense–Intelligence Community organization responsible for developing, launching, and operating America’s intelligence satellites to meet the national security needs of our nation.